Cochin-Madurai Highway

1848. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total distance of Cochin-Madurai National Highway;

(b) when this road was declared as National Highway;

(c) what portion of the National Highway falls in Tamil Nadu;

(d) what were/are the major works undertaken on this route; and

(e) how much fund were spent on this route so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 287 kms.

(b) 20th February, 1989.

(c) Madurai to Kerala border in a length of 119 km.

(d) Thirteen works costing Rs. 178.02 lakhs are in progress.

(e) A sum of Rs. 608.73 lakhs has been spent upto 31.2.1993 on this route.

Treatment of Road Accident Victims

1849. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVISHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal regarding constitution of teams at various places for providing treatment to the road accidents victims on National Highways; and

(b) if so, the number of National Highways passing through Gujarat and Saurashtra where such teams have been constituted and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) It is proposed to set up rescue teams at a distance of every 50 KMs on National Highways under the National Highways Relief Service Scheme. Initially, it is proposed to start the scheme on National Highways between Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Jaipur and Delhi-Agra-Kanpur.

Widening of National Highway

1850. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has approved a loan assitance of US$ 245 million for various National Highway Project in the country, as reported in the Economic time dated 2.12.1993;

(b) if so, the details of project (Statewise) likely to be covered indicating whether the Project covers widening to four lines of National Highway Number 8 from Gurgaon in Haryana to Kotputli in Rajasthan is also included;

(c) what is the present stage of progress by N.H. 8 and how much more time is required for widening into four lines; and

(d) whether Private Sector has also been asked to invest in such Projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the projects included are as under:

Sl. No.	State	National Highway No.	Highway Name (From/To)
1	HARYANA	8	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Gurgaon-Haryana/Rajasthan Border (Km 36.63 to 107.18)

Sl. No.	State	National Highway No.	Highway Name (From/To)
2.	RAJASTHAN	8	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Haryana/Rajasthan Border to Kotputli (Km 107.18 to 162.50)
3.	WEST BENGAL	2	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Raniganj to Panagarh (Km 474 to Km 441.44)
4.	BIHAR	2	4 laning including strengthening of existing 2 lane pavement of Barwa Adda to Barakar (Km 398.75 to Km 441.44)
5.	ANDHRA PRADESH	9	Strengthening of existing two lane carriageway on Nandigama to Vijayawada (Km 217 to 265) section including 4 laning from Km 252 to Km 265.
6.	ANDHRA PRADESH	5	Strengthening of existing two lane carriageway of Vijayawada to Eluru (Km 3.4 to 53.8 & Km 69.2 to 75) including 4 laning from Km 3.4 to 13 and a 17.88 long by pass for Eluru town (Km 53.80 to 69.20)

(c) The loan agreement is yet to be signed with the Asian Development Bank. The period of completion of the projects will be known only thereafter.

(d) No, Sir.

Removal of Speed Brakers from National Highway No. 6

1851. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not removing the speed brakers on the Nagpur-Bombay National Highway No. 6 inspite of giving an assurnace in this regard to Parliament; and

(b) by when the speed brakers will be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) and (b) As per policy no speed braker is permitted on National Highways. They are however unauthorisedly constructed at some locations. State Government are advised from time to time to ensure that the speed brakers are removed and replaced by rumble strips wherever necessary. It is not possible to indicate by then the speed brakers will be removed.

Shifting of Nagpur Amravati National Highway Division

1847. SHRI SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons of first making Road Divider on Nagpur Amrawati National Highway No. 6 near Ravinagar Square Nagpur and thereafter removing the same after one month;

(b) on whom has the financial burden of this mismanagement placed;

(c) who is responsible for the accidents